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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING RECEIPT DIRECT CABLE FROM COE STATING READINESS SEND 7-MAN TEAM FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS ABOUT AUGUST 31, EMBOFF AND MOSER CONFERRED WITH INLAND WATERWAYS DIRECTOR ANYAOKU, WHO SAID MOST IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS FIRST PHASE CONSULTANCY FOR TWO-YEAR DREDGING CONTRAT DURING WHICH CONSULTANT WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM SECOND PHASE. ALSO SAID HE WILL BE AWAY MOST OF SEPTEMBER, HENCE TEAM SHOULD COME MID-AUGUST.

1. ON JULY 29 EMBASSY RECEIVED DIRECT CABLE FROM COE CHIEF MORRIS SAYING (1) COE HAS DEVELOPED PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE INVITATION CONTAINED LAGOS 5077; (2) HE PREPARED SEND 7-MAN TECHNICAL MISSION FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS TO GAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ON SCOPE OF PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE COE ROLE; (3) TEAM COULD ARRIVE AUGUST 30; (4) FOLLOWING RETURN FORMAL PROPOSALS WILL BE COMPLETED, APPROVAL OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO FMG. TEAM WOULD NEED TO INSPECT RIVER SYSTEM AND VISIT FIVE TOWNS.

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2. AID ASST. COORDINATOR REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT MOSER, HERE ON MANPOWER PROJECT, AND EMBOFF CALLED ON INLAND WATERWAYS DIRECTOR ANYAOKU, WHO SAID COE STILL WELCOME DESPITE LONG DELAY BUT SHOULD COME MID-AUGUST AS HE WILL BE AWAY MOST OF SEPTEMBER.

3. HE ALSO SAID, AS HE HAS SEVERAL TIMES SINCE DECEMBER, THAT

HE IS ABOUT TO SIGN FIRST PHASE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH DUTCH CONSORTIUM NEDECO TO DREDGE FIRST 500 KILOMETERS OF NIGER UP TO LOKOJA. THIS NECESSARY FOR BLAST FURNACE STEEL PLANT TO BE BUILD AJAOKUTA. DREDGING INTENDED MAINLY TO STRAIGHTEN BENDS IN DELTA AND REMOVE BARS IN MAIN RIVER. OBJECTIVE IS TO EXTEND NAVIGATION SEASON FROM CURRENT FIVE TO SEVEN MONTHS TO 10 OR 12 MONTHS BY MAINTAINING MINIMUM 1.5 METER DEPTH. ANYAOKU'S MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN AT THIS POINT IS FIRST PHASE CONSULTANCY, WHICH CONSISTS OF SUPERVISING NEDECO AND DEVELOPING DETAILED SECOND PHASE PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF NIGER-BENUE SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ARTERY. NEDECO HAD PROPOSED FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT AND ANYAOKU HAS FOR PAST YEAR HAD SIMILAR PROPOSAL FROM FRENCH GROUP. NO REPEAT NO AMERICAN PROPOSALS EXIST. ANYAOKU ENVISIONED FIRST PHASE CONSULTANCY GROUP OF PROBABLY FIVE AND NO MORE THAN 10 PERSONS.

4. ANAYOUKU'S MAIN CONCERN WITH SECOND PHASE AT THIS POINT IS THE METHODOLOGY. HE SAID HE DOUBTS COE TEAM COULD LEARN ENOUGH IN TWO WEEKS TO SUBMIT DETAILED SECOND PHASE PROPOSAL AND HAD CONSIDERED THAT DETAILED PROPOSAL WOULD BE BASED ON KNOWLEDGE GAINED DURING FIRST PHASE.

5. THEREFORE APPEARS THAT COE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SUBMITTING FIRST PHASE PROPOSAL ASAP, VISITING IN MID - AUGUST IF POSSIBLE TO ENABLE IT TO CONSULT WITH ANYAOKU. IF IT MORE CONVENIENT, COE CONSIDER SENDING SMALL TEAM PRIMARILY TO SUBMIT FIRST PHASE
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PROPOSAL AND WHATEVER METHODOLOGY HAS ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED FOR SECOND PHASE.

7. COE CABLE SUMMARIZED PARA ONE INDICATES COE FINANCING THIS VISIT FROM OWN APPROPRIATED FUNDS RATHER THAN THROUGH SECTION 661 MECHANISM. PLEASE CONFIRM.
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